

Men and Brethren,

IT's like the most part of you come here to gaze and wonder, rather than to be edified; but I hope there are some here witnessing and sympathizing with me; but while ye are strangers to God, and his Word, and what our Lord hath suffered for us, and that he hath told, throughout tribulation and affliction we must enter into the Kingdom of God: It's no wonder that ye count us fool, for I was so while in that nature: I was as mad as any of you against the Lord and his people, but blessed be his glorious and holy Name, while as I was blind, now I see, and therefore abhors my self in dust and ashes, and the more to magnifie his free-grace that he hath done to me. It's true, unpleasant to sense, while he is calling for his mite of testimony from my hand for his despis'd truth, for it was by the hearing of the Gospel, from his faithful suffering-Ministers, that I was brought to the love of God, and the knowledge of his holy Son Jesus Christ, since which time he hath engag'd my heart to seek him in the way I found him, and wherein he was most eminently holden forth, and witnessed for my sins, and the sins of the Land holden forth with my duty described, for which I am condemned, and for my following of the Gospel preached in the fields, and with that poor handful at *Airs-Mos*, where *Mrs. Cameron* had been preaching, and was to preach; because when the bloody Soldiers come on us, we offered to defend our lives, and whatever causes they lay to our charge: and that you be not mistaken of me, and of the Lords people, though they alledge us to be of bloody principles, as some of the indulged Ministers give it out; the Lord knows: I desire to know his Will, and walk in it: I have been studying that which all the Land are obliged to do, to hear and keep the Gospel. Keep it, defend my own life and my brethren, who hath been

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so long hunted, and the Gospel so long born down; though
 they give out, that I and the suffering-remnant would Kill the
King, or any of the Council: It's an untruth, and forged Ca-
 lumny to reproach the way of God, more like themselves and
 their own practices, who have killed so many of Gods People
 on Fields and Scaffolds: and all is to please that bloody Tyrant
 the **DUKE**, who has been thirsting for the blood of the Three
 Lands; who if they were brought to a Law, would be found
 to be the Plotters by a just Tryal, either according to the Law
 of God, or Law of the Land; most of them has done (as much
 as might take their Lives) against the good of the Land, and
 Laws of it. When I was before them in the Justiciary, in tryal
 of my life, they would give no access to explain my self, but
 were as men, catching advantage, and cheat me out of my life;
 yet they must know, that they will answer to the great
 Judg what they do: And this being the testimony of a dying
 man, the fearers of God will believe my Declaration, before their
 Proclamation, which is clearly a Plot in them to blind the eyes
 of a secure generation, and cause strangers to approve it as just
 their Actings, and laugh at our calamity, till they accomplish
 their Popish designs against all those who will not follow them
 in the Three Nations; and though they spare their Flatterers and
 Favourities, till they destroy the remnant, they dare not but wit-
 ness against them, as they would be marked with mourners, and
 then a holy God shall take vengeance upon all ranks, forsaking
 his Christ, and betraying him, and setting up any in his place,
 which will be found to be the Idol of jealousy, beside others
 drawing away the generation from the true love we owe to God;
 and because not only, but all lovers and fearers of God, desiring to
 follow this sweet Christ, are reproached and wounded with the
 scourge of Tongues, as dangerous principle, I declare I have in
 some measure desired to know and follow the Truth, but in obe-
 dience to his Commands, and fear, and hope of glory, though
 with much weakness. I am *Presbyterian* in my judgment, however
 lookt upon by men, in declaring my thoughts, owning a Reforma-
 tion-work, carried on by our Fathers, the shorter and large Cate-
 chisms, national and solemn League and Covenant; I own all the
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Testimonies of our Worthy Sufferers, with all other Declarations,
 Excommunications. As also I pray at the writing hercof, that the
 Lord open their eyes, give them repentance that are within the
 election of Grace; and that the Lord may ratifie in Heaven, what
 his servants hath done on Earth, according to his Will, and giving
 testimony against the cursed Prelates, as instruments driving on the
 Council, and bloody Soldiers to all oppression, and bloodshed done
 against the woful induldge, who has received, or shall strengthen
 their hands in pleading for it, being Favorities: they have broken
 the divided people of God, more than former Persecution against
 lukewarm unfaithful Ministers; and professors falling from their
 first love, pulling down that which was first builded. As also the
cesse, and bounding with Gods enemies: As also Oppression, Ty-
 rany, Robbing of Gods People; especially *Glencairne, Hallyards*,
 whose Names should be recorded to generations succeeding, as
 those who has ruin'd the Widow and Fatherless, and laid wait
 against the Righteous, and put many to beggary, against those
 who have forfeited their right, which they now claim to that
 Supremacy: setting up adulterous wretches in Christs room, who
 thinks to wrong our Lord, but will be too heavy for them, though
 all the Lord-Prelates and Indulged joyn hand to hold up, down
 shall they come who wears that Crown: And since by them I am
 proclaimed a Rebel, I disown them Trayterous to my holy Lord
 and Christ. But let me intreat any who desires mercy, to forsake
 those wicked ways, and fall in love with God through Christ as the
 only peace-maker, for there is Judgments coming on the Land,
 and all your peace with men will not keep you from the dreadful
 wrath of God, slighting the Gospel, Covenant-breaking, Perjury,
 Idolatry, Profanity, Apostasie, Treacherous abominations, that
 all ranks are guilty of, in welcoming this bloody person with a
 draught of our blood, as formerly with Five of our Brethren.
 I bless the Lord, I have satisfaction in owning his despis'd way,
 for which I depone my life, in drawing my heart after him, and
 made me happily willing. I intreat you all seekers of his face, to
 labour for more tenderness and watchfulness over your ways, there
 be looking on us for our halting in Gods way; O for help from
 him till the day break! O to hide our selves, to shut our mouth and

be silent: the Lord hath rubbed shame on all faces, because of up-
 sitting to duty, publick and private: I think God is contending with
 us. O dear friends, all ye that desire to be kept carefully through-
 out these tribulations, and also astonishing like dispensations; forsake
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 sence of God hath been felt among those who have met together;
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 pour out their hearts for him, and before him, conversing with
 one another. I think the upsetting of this duty, is a sad token God
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 hort you to this duty, as a dying man, but charge you, as ye will
 be answerable at the great day, with fear, love and zeal to God,
 his glory before your eyes, and love to Christ. Let it be the prin-
 cipal motive in all other duties: let none stumble at Christs way
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 easie to me throughout a plain Mediator, for those who keep
 the word of his patience, those he will keep in the hour of tempta-
 tion. Labour to keep up those field-meetings, wherein my soul has
 been refresh'd: Let it be your work to keep patience, whatever
 ye meet with from enemies, or reproaches from pretended friends,
 who will be found secret heart-enemies to God. This I leave to you
 my last advice, and to God for what he has done to my soul,
 and for his way he hath taken in carrying me to the Land of Prailes.
 I shall sing the sweetest Song throughout all the ages of eternity,
 and never have an end. For if ye knew what I meet with of his
 love and presence, what he would be given a look to time, and bid
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